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SUBJECT: CIVILIAN OPERATION OF BAKER NUNN STATIONS

THIS MESSAGE IN 4 PARTS.

PART I - FOR BOTH

1. USAF IS CONSIDERING FEASIBILITY OF MANNING BAKER-NUNN STATIONS AT MT JOHN AND SAN VITO WITH ITS OWN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OR WITH CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE DESIRABILITY OF CONTRACTOR OPERATION, USAF WOULD LIKE TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS. USAF IS WILLING TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM NEW ZEALAND AND ITALIAN AS WELL AS U.S. FIRMS. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY OF MANNING FACILITIES WITH USAF
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CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

PART II - FOR WELLINGTON

2. SINCE DEFINITION OF "UNITED STATES PERSONNEL" IN 1968 BAKER-NUNN AGREEMENT (TIAS 6539) INCLUDES CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF U.S. FORCES, NO AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF USAF ELECTED TO MAN STATION WITH ITS OWN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. USE OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, HOWEVER, WHETHER

BY CONTRACT WITH NEW ZEALAND OR U.S. FIRM, WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT IF ANY SPECIAL STATUS IS TO BE PROVIDED FOR CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF GNZ HAS ANY INTEREST IN PURSUING JOINT MANNING PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY USAF. JOINT MANNING IS ANOTHER OPTION WHICH USAF IS STILL WILLING TO CONSIDER, EITHER WITH MIX OF GNZ CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND USAF MILITARY PERSONNEL OR GNZ CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND USAF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

PART III - FOR ROME

3. DOES EMBASSY PERCEIVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOI CONSENT TO USE OF U.S. CONTRACTOR? IF CONTRACT AWARDED TO U.S. FIRM WOULD TECH REP STATUS BE AVAILABLE FOR U.S. NATIONAL EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTOR? WOULD THE EMBASSY ANTICIPATE ANY TAX RELIEF PROBLEMS?

PART IV - FOR BOTH

4. EMBASSY MAY RAISE MATTER WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AT ITS OWN DISCRETION. IF MATTER IS DISCUSSED WITH REPRESENTATIVES, EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT USAF HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISION TO SWITCH FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN MANNING OF FACILITY. IN EVALUATING POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, USAF NEEDS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS. BASED ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED, USAF WILL THEN COMPARE COST OF VARIOUS FORMS OF MANNING (I.E. MILITARY, USAF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL). AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT IF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ARE SENT TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS, CONFIDENTIAL

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IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME FIRMS MAY SEEK INFORMATION FROM ITALIAN OR NEW ZEALAND SOURCES IN ORDER TO GATHER DATA REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL. IF GOI AND GONZ DESIRE USAF TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM HOST GOVERNMENT FIRMS, INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTING SUCH SOLICITATION. KISSINGER

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